



**Committee on  
Homeland Security** Democrats  
**Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member**

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**Statement of House Homeland Security Committee  
Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson on the Transportation Security  
Administration's Prohibited Items List**

"TSA must take a balanced approach when securing our planes against the risk of aviation terrorism.

"TSA's decision to allow certain items on planes, while keeping knives and other obviously dangerous items off of them, appears to be an attempt by TSA to address the most serious perceived threats. I will be monitoring the implementation of these changes to make sure that the changes help screeners do their jobs effectively.

"I will also be watching TSA closely in the coming months to see if these changes will alleviate long lines and other screening issues while protecting civil liberties and privacy."

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